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SUBJ: SWISS DECISION TO ACCEPT FIVE BASQUE PRISONERS FROM SPAIN

1. AFTER A SPECIAL FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON JUN 2, THE SWISS EXPRESSED SWITZERLAND'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A MAXIMUM OF FIVE OF THE BASQUE PRISONERS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, THE FEDERAL COUNCIL STATED THAT THIS DECISION HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE INTENTION OF "PROMOTING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SPANISH GOVT AND BASQUE NATIONALISTS", AND AS "A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN SPAIN". THE FEDERAL COUNCIL NOTED THAT SPAIN HAD EARLIER APPROACHED SWITZERLAND AND A NUMBER OF OTHER EUROPEAN GOVTS WITH A REQUEST TO ACCEPT SUCH PRISONERS.

2. THE SWISS HAVE ATTACHED A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS TO ACCEPTING THE BASQUE PRISONERS. THE SWISS HAVE STATED THAT EACH PRISONER MUST BE ISSUED AN UNRESTRICTED SPANISH PASSPORT. EACH PRISONER MUST ALSO MAKE A DECLARATION THAT HIS DECISION TO GO TO SWITZERLAND IS MADE OF HIS OWN FREE WILL. LAST, EACH PRISONER MUST ALSO AGREE TO CONFIRM WITH SWISS LAW AND NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN SWITZERLAND.

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3. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, BY ISSUING PASSPORTS TO THE PRISONERS, SPAIN WOULD GIVE UP ANY FURTHER RIGHT TO PROSECUTE THEM FOR THEIR PAST ACTIVITIES.
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